

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated April 19, 2007. Claims 14-23 are presented for examination, of which Claims 14, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 are in independent form. Claims 21-23 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicants regard as their invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for this indication that Claims 14-20 have been allowed.

The Office Action erroneously states Applicants have not filed a certified copy of the priority document. A Claim To Priority and a certified copy of the priority document for this application were filed on August 4, 2003, as evidenced by the returned receipt postcard bearing the stamp of the Patent and Trademark Office and the PAIR printout for this application, copies of which are attached hereto. Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and the receipt of the certified copy.

Claims 21-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 on the ground that the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, Applicants have amended the claims along the lines suggested in the Office Action. It is believed that the rejection under Section 101 has been obviated and its withdrawal is, therefore, respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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